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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

1. NICARAGUAN DEP PERMREP LANG WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF LA GROUP THIS MONTH CALLED AMB SCHAUFLE IN GREAT AGITATION OVER SQUABBLE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND PANAMA CONCERNING LA ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATE TO REPLACE COSTA RICA ON SECURITY COUNCIL BEGINNING JAN 1, 1976.

2. LANG SAID THAT PANAMANIAN PERMREP BOYD DELIVERED EMOTIONAL ANTI-AMERICAN SPEECH IN WHICH HE JUSTIFIED PANAMANIAN CANDIDACY ON BASIS CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO NEW ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING CANAL.

3. ARGENTINIAN PERMREP ORTIZ DE ROZAS EVIDENTLY REPLIED IN MEASURED TERMS SUPPORTING ARGENTINE CANDIDACY BUT WILL PRESS FOR LA GROUP DECISION TOMORROW. ARGENTINA CLAIMS, AND LANG CONFIRMS, THAT IT HAS 18 TO 26 VOTES. MAJOR REASON ARGENTINA WANTS TO SETTLE MATTER SO SOON IS THAT PANAMA WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF LA GROUP IN APRIL.

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4. SINCE NICARAGUA COMMITTED TO VOTE FOR ARGENTINA,

LANG WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRING DECISIVE MEETING AT 10:30 AM TOMORROW, BUT HE HAS FOUND NO TAKERS. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION SCHAUFEELE SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY WERE PROCEEDING. ALTHOUGH IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT THERE WAS OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PRESENT TREATY, HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN BOYD'S OUTBURST.

5. LANG SPECULATED THAT BOYD IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS PERSONAL CREDIBILITY WITH GEN TORRIJOS THAN HE IS WITH ANY GREAT QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE (WE HAVE HEARD SAME FROM OTHER LA'S).

6. LANG HAD TALKED TO SEVILLA-SACASS IN WASHINGTON WHO ADVISED HIM TO MAINTAIN AS JUDICIOUS A POSITION AS POSSIBLE BUT TO REMEMBER THAT ORTIZ DE ROZAS WAS RIGHT AND BOYD WAS WRONG. LANG SAID HE NOW PLANNED TO CALL GEN SOMOZA.

7. ALTHOUGHT LANG WAS OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR GUIDANCE FROM US ON THIS ISSUE, SCHAUFEELE STUDIOUSLY LIMITED HIMSELF TO ANSWERING SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT STATUS CANAL ZONE NEGOTIATIONS.
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